

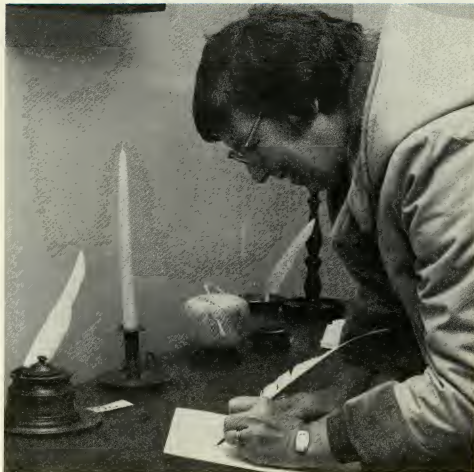
# City College News

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George Brown



The City College



Industrial Training Division clerk Hazel Pearce tries a quill pen at the reconstruction of Toronto's first post office on Adelaide St.

## 1833 post office recreated on Adelaide St.

On Dec. 15 a clerk in the Industrial Training Division became a time traveller.

Hazel Pearce left the present and went back for a few moments to 1833, where she swapped her IBM for a goose quill pen.

"It wouldn't work," she said of the pen, "I don't think I had enough ink."

Hazel didn't have to go far from her Adelaide St. office to span the decades.

She just had to walk next door where the first post office in Toronto has been faithfully recreated in its original building.

The day of Hazel's tour was the official opening of the post office exactly 150 years after its first day of business.

Ontario Lieutenant-Governor John Aird cut the ribbon to the renovated building located across the street from the St. James Campus as the kick-off event for Toronto's 150th birthday celebration, the 'Sequicentennial'.

"If we don't have this kind of thing we are letting future generations down," he said.

The post office, which will be a working museum with stamp sales and post box rentals, has been recreated with as much fidelity to the original as possible.

The top floor of the building houses George Brown's Ontario Career Action Program and the Continuing Education and Marketing Division.

## Grant could mean new building for Hospitality Division

A project to build a new home for the Hospitality Division has been given a substantial — but not decisive — boost from the Federal Government.

George Brown and the Ontario Hostel-ry Institute have been given \$3.85 million towards the estimated \$8-10 million building costs, Doug Light said.

Funding from the provincial government and private sector must be secured before the project is given a green light.

"Completion of the above project is dependent upon receipt of considerable additional financial support", the President said in his column 'GB Comments' on Page 2 of this issue.

College administrators and officials of the Ontario Hostel-ry Institute — an advisory body to the provincial government on training for the hospitality industry — have been working on the project for the last four years.

As now planned, the project would see a 100,000 square foot building constructed on a large plot of George Brown land on Adelaide St. across from the St. James Campus.

The land is now used for parking.

Hospitality Dean Martin Kerman said the new building would give George Brown the best hospitality training facilities in the country.

"It will put our quality of training on par with anything in the world," he said.

The new building would allow the Division to offer advanced programs for executive and head chefs, Kerman said.

Negotiations on financing are currently underway between officials of the College, Provincial government and the OHI, and a final decision on the project is expected by Sept., 1984.

The new building could be ready by the summer of 1986 if funding is arranged, Light said.

## G. B. Comments by

Doug  
Light



As you possibly know, George Brown College in conjunction with the Ontario Hostelry Institute, has been awarded \$3.85 million from the Federal Skills Growth Fund for the construction of a new facility for the training of executive and head chefs.

The total cost of the proposed project is estimated at between \$8 to 10 million. We are currently seeking the required additional financial support from the private sector and the provincial government.

If the necessary funds are obtained, a building of about 100,000 square feet will be constructed on the parking lot at our St. James Campus.

This structure will house the executive and head chefs program and all of the existing hospitality programs except meat cutting.

The provincial government has requested that we consider the closing of our College Street Campus, which is leased, and the resultant transfer of the E.S.L. program to Kensington.

The feasibility of this proposal is being examined by or planning group.

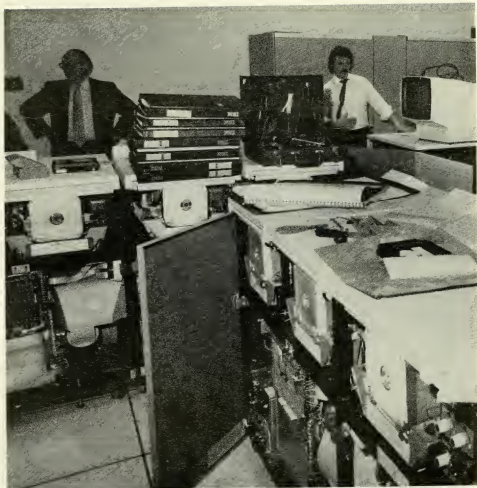
You will appreciate that the completion of the above project is dependent upon the receipt of considerable additional financial support beyond that already received.

It is expected that a final decision will be made by September 1, 1984.

If we proceed, the new facility will be available by the summer of 1986.

## Dental caps given

Fifty-nine graduating dental assistants were awarded with caps in a ceremony at Casa Loma on Jan. 14. After being capped by Yvette Mothersole and Anne Bosy, the graduates were addressed by Margaret Deichert, Accreditation Chairman of the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants Association.



Business Dean Jack Wilson (in dark suit) surveys the installation of the Division's new IBM 'mainframe' computer.

## Business at leading edge in computers

Cheers will go up all over George Brown when the Business Division's new 'mainframe' computer goes into full operation sometime this month.

The loudest will probably come from data processing students who will be perfecting their computer skills on the leading edge technology of the IBM 4341 and its 96 video display terminals.

But cheers will also be heard in computer services, accounting, payroll and admissions offices across the college.

Staff in these departments will be happy because the speed and capacity of the College's Honeywell computer are expected to improve when Business teaching operations are transferred to the new system.

Overloading of the Honeywell — which is used for most College computer operations — often led to delays in output, said Business Data Processing coordinator Archie MacDonald.

The IBM, which was purchased with a provincial grant of \$885,000, was largely assembled in the College over the Christmas holiday.

Housed in a room with exact atmospheric controls, it consists of the main computing unit, 16 disk drives with a storage capacity of about 13 billion characters, two magnetic tape units and a high resolution line printer.

To complement the hardware the Division has bought a package of teaching software called the McGill University System for interactive Computing or MUSIC.

The combination will give George Brown graduates in data processing an edge in the job market, MacDonald said.

"This brings the quality of our facilities up to the quality of our program."

All students in the Business Division will do some work on the computer, he said.

## Builders construct scholarship fund from house profits

Toronto house builders are laying the foundations for a new generation of construction managers.

Through the Toronto Home Builders Association, they have given George Brown \$35,000 to set up a scholarship fund for Residential Construction Management students.

The latest donation came in December when the Association presented the College with a split-level house in a subdivision of Pickering that is expected to raise more than \$20,000 in profits for the fund.

That amount came as a surprise to program co-ordinator John Lyons.

"They really came through with a real blast," he said.

The 2,100 square foot house, which was constructed by Bramalea Ltd. using largely industry donated materials and services, is expected to sell for about \$190,000.

A smaller house built by Monarch Construction Ltd. with the help of George Brown students in 1982 netted the fund \$15,000.

Interest from the scholarship fund will be given to students, though amounts and criteria for recipients have yet to be established, Lyons said.

In making the latest donation the Association said the scholarships would help make the industry a more attractive career choice.

"The aim of this fund is to attract new blood," it said in a news release.

Students in the two-year Business Division program learn all aspects of construction management including quantity estimating and project co-ordination. Between the first and second years of the program students spend four months working on a construction site with a builder.

Many students in the program come from families involved in the construction industry, Lyons said.



Fashion Design student Myung Ko models a hooded pant suit in contrasting fabrics in a December fashion show at Kensington Campus. Titled 'Holiday Weekend Fashion 1983' the student-run show featured the work of first and second year students.

## Casa Loma wins energy saving award

Staff at Casa Loma warmed up last year to the idea of saving cool cash in energy bills.

Collectively they saved enough in heat and hydro costs to win the 1983 inter-campus energy conservation award.

Campus Manager Dave Fraser said major savings were made by reducing lighting in hallways and turning the thermostat down to 68 degrees (F).

"Everybody co-operated," he said.

Campus staff were presented with a woodland scene print on the wall of their staffroom for their conservation efforts.

Casa Loma makes up about half the total cubic area of the College, Fraser said.

Overall, George Brown uses about 20 per cent less energy per square foot of space than Centennial, Humber or Seneca Colleges.



Physical Resources Director Michael Rant presents Casa Loma Campus Manager Dave Fraser with a woodland print for the staff lounge. The Campus was awarded the print for winning an inter-campus energy conservation contest.

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# Names in the News

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**Policy Advisor Dr. Elaine Todres**

Both the private and public sector have accepted the concept of affirmative action for women. This is the message **Dr. Elaine Todres**, Senior Policy Advisor to the Ontario Women's Directorate, brought to the first annual dinner meeting of the George Brown Affirmative Action Advisory Committee in December. "The philosophical debate is over. We are now haggling over expediency and cost," she said.

The committee presented past members with certificates of appreciation for their work. Certificates were given to **Howell Pritchard**, **Jack Stirling**, **Sandra Foster**, **Barbara Read**, **Michele Faux**, **Cecelia Ratelle**, **Nancy Jarrell**, **Rosalind Gilbert**, **Cynthia McDonagh**, **Pat Stanojevic**, **Caroline Butler**, **Sue Thomson**, and **Nancy Beaman**.

New members of the 24-person committee are **Danny Cushing**, **Catherine Gagne**, **Robert Gwilliam**, **Maria Parks** and **Michael Rant**.

Like the death of Mark Twain, the rumours of **Bob Butcher's** retirement are (for the moment) greatly exaggerated. The College purchasing Administrator was scheduled to leave George Brown at the end of 1983, but he has been asked, and has agreed, to stay on until the end of March.

But **Doug Light** has made it clear in a memo to staff that there will be no repeat farewell dinner.

The President delighted Butcher's colleagues, family and friends at an honorary dinner in early December with gentle mimicry of his personal style.

"Mr. Light put on a good show," Butcher said of the unexpected entertainment.

Colleagues gave Butcher a bicycle and a pair of binoculars for bird-watching, but it could be some time before he gets to practice his sport or hobby.

"I understand my wife has enough jobs saved up to keep me busy," he said.

Butcher's career with George Brown began in 1962 when he was made Bursar of the Provincial Institute of Trades and Occupations. He held the same post at the College until 1976 when he assumed his present position.

**Heidi Yamashita** has been appointed Chairman of Nursing in the Health Sciences Division replacing **Maureen Komlos**, who has returned to teaching. Yamashita was Director of the Nightingale School of Nursing before becoming Chairman of Continuing Education in Health Sciences at George Brown.

Joining George Brown as administrative assistant to the new chairman is **Michael Clement**. Clement is a former director of continuing education at Seneca College, and most recently acted as consultant to the Ontario Ministry of Health on the Ontario Health Insurance Program.

The Personnel Office has told us of the following staff changes:

Support staff joining George Brown are **Lee-Ann McLaughlin** of the Industrial Training Division at Adelaide St., **James Murray** of mechanical and electrical staff at St. James, and **Patricia Rubin** of Community Services at Kensington.

Leaving the College are **Ruth Barron**, who taught in the Business Division for many years, and **Barbara Read**, who was involved in placement with the Hospitality Division.

Changing their names are **Ita Ferdinand** of the St. James Library, who is now **Ita Grant**, and **Donna Bovenizer** of Community Services Administration at Nightingale is now **Donna Humphries**.



**New Public Relations Officer Kadi Kaljuste**

Continuing Education and Marketing Dean **Bob Struthers** has announced the appointment of **Kadi Kaljuste** as College public relations officer.

Kaljuste (pronounced 'Kal-ust-te') comes to George Brown from Centennial College where she has been Information Officer since 1981. Kadi (pronounced 'Cutty') grew up in Montreal and graduated with a degree in journalism from Ryerson in 1979. She joined Centennial in 1980 after working as a reporter for the Toronto Sun and freelancing for a number of publications.

Kaljuste, who is active in the Estonian community of Toronto, will continue to teach business writing at Centennial.

She is looking forward to moving into her office at 258 Adelaide St. at the beginning of February.

"The Sun is right around the corner and I've still got a few friends there," she said.

Kadi replaces **Nancy Jarrell**, who has returned to the Hospitality Division after a two-year secondment.

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